



U.S. Embassy Mbabane

Warden Message – March 18, 2011

Local Demonstrations in Mbabane

The demonstrations planned for 0900 on Friday, 18 March, started several hours late, allowing more people to amass. Demonstrators number approximately 1300 in size. They are gathered at the Prime Minister's Office, peacefully awaiting an audience between the Prime Minister and their chief spokesperson.

You should try to avoid travel to Mbabane for the remainder of the day.

The Embassy reminds U.S. citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can quickly and without advance warning turn confrontational and escalate into violence. U.S. citizens are therefore urged to avoid areas of demonstrations and especially to not cross picket lines.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the [U.S. Embassy Mbabane website](#). You can also get global updates at the U.S. Department of State's, [Bureau of Consular Affairs website](#) where you can find the current [Worldwide Caution](#), Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and [Country Specific Information](#) (http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1031.html). If you don't have internet access, we have a call center for updates--1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada, or outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except federal holidays).

If you are going to live in or travel to Swaziland, please take the time to tell us about your trip by enrolling in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#) (STEP - <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>). If you enroll, we can keep you up to date with important safety and security announcements. It will also help your friends and family get in touch with you in an emergency. You should remember to keep all of your information in STEP up to date. It is important during enrollment or updating of information to include your current phone number and current email address where you can be reached in case of an emergency.

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